

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAMBERSBURG AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR ROTC CADETS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program.

Under the leadership of Cadet Lieutenant Commander Ethan Baker, and under the guidance of Commander Bruce Apgar and Master Sergeant Louise Montney, the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Trojan Cadets won multiple portions of the Academic, Fitness and Drill Competition held at Sterling High School in Camden, New Jersey this February.

The Varsity Cadets finished first overall in the competition after winning the Academics, Personnel Inspection, Color Guard and Armed Regulation Drill portions of the competition.

I am confident that the determination, attention to detail, and discipline that served these students so well in competition will continue to lead them to success in their academic and future endeavors.

It is inspiring to see our community's youth commit themselves to developing as leaders, and regardless of whether they find themselves serving our nation in uniform one day, I am incredibly proud of the work that the Chambersburg Area Senior High School NJROTC cadets done this past year, and I wish them every continued success.

HONORING LEFLORE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable team, Leflore County High School (LCHS) football team.

LCHS football team has had a tremendous football season. They ended their 2021 season with an 10–4 record.

On November 26, 2021, LCHS defeated Charleston High School. 24–22, in the North State 2A championship game in Charleston to advance to the state title game. On December 4, 2021, the Tigers lost to Scott Central, 72–24, in Hattiesburg.

Despite their loss, Leflore County celebrated them. LCHS is the district's only high school to reach the state championship in football since the Greenwood and Leflore County districts merged in 2019.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable Leflore County High School Team for their commitment and hard work.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH SAVAGE

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Elizabeth 'Liz' Savage, a career attorney in the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division (CRD) at the U.S. Department of Justice, who received the Maceo W. Hubbard Award in December. The Division's highest award, it recognizes her exceptional work as an expert in disability rights law and her commitment to educating Americans with disabilities on how to access reasonable accommodations guaranteed under law. The law referenced, of course, is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which I was proud to sponsor and helps shepherd to enactment in 1990.

I've known Liz Savage for many years, and during the time that I was leading efforts to pass the ADA, she was working at the Epilepsy Foundation. Liz had been working with our former Majority Whip Tony Coelho, long a champion for disability rights, who served on the Epilepsy Foundation's board at the time. Tony, of course, was the original author of the ADA, and I was honored that he asked me to take charge of it after he left the House. When I did, I was grateful for Liz's support and assistance, as she helped lead grassroots organizing and outreach to Members of Congress to educate the public and policymakers about what the ADA would achieve and how important it would be to promoting equality, access, independence, and opportunity for those living with disabilities. She worked hard to build a coalition among national disability, civil rights, religious, and civic organizations in support of the ADA's enactment.

In addition to the ADA, Liz had a profound impact on a number of pieces of federal legislation during her time at the Epilepsy Foundation. These included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Civil Rights Restoration Act, and Fair Housing Act amendments. Liz served as a tireless advocate in all of those efforts to ensure that the voices of people whose lived experience included dealing with a disability were included when policies were developed and adopted.

For more than three decades, Liz has continued to fight for the rights and equality of people with disabilities. Over the past ten years, she has been working in the Justice Department's Disability Rights Section, and the Maceo W. Hubbard Award she received in December is testament to her success and achievement in that role. I join in congratulating her and thanking her for the service and many contributions she has made and continues to make for her country and for Americans with disabilities. I hope my colleagues will join in congratulating Liz Savage as well.

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**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, as climate change accelerates, it is more important than ever that we put our infrastructure in good working order, hardened against the powerful typhoons and other natural disasters that are associated with a warming planet.

Today, I am introducing legislation that will ensure we have an adequate workforce in the Northern Mariana Islands to finish repairs from the typhoons that struck our islands in recent years and to build new infrastructure able to withstand future storms.

Congress made the decision that additional foreign workers would be needed for this purpose, when we passed the FY20 omnibus appropriation, U.S. Public Law 116–94. Title IX provided up to 3,000 permits for Commonwealth-only Transitional Workers (CW–1s) specifically for disaster-related construction projects during fiscal 2020, 2021, and 2022.

In the succeeding years, however, more funding has become available—for the Marianas public water in the American Rescue Plan Act, for better roads in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, for solid waste systems on the islands of Rota and Tinian in the 2019 Disaster Relief Act—and those projects will all require skilled labor.

Those projects will also occur in a timeframe beyond 2022. Not only do large-scale infrastructure projects take time to design, bid, and build, but the money is scheduled over a five-year period in many cases. Add to that the impact of the pandemic on business capacity and the supply chain and the need for workers stretches for years ahead.

How many workers will be necessary and when projects will be ready to proceed is not easily predicted. So, the legislation I have introduced today simply authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Governor of the Marianas to make the determination when construction workers are needed. The Governor will request the foreign workers to augment the Marianas labor force. The Secretary will then decide whether the request is justified, whether qualified U.S. workers are truly not available, and whether adding foreign workers would in any way reduce the wage-setting power of local, U.S. workers in our islands.

Congress has made an historic investment in the Mariana Islands in the form of disaster recovery assistance and in funding infrastructure that can withstand future disasters. But that funding will need labor. The legislation I am introducing today will help ensure that labor needs are met, that projects are built, and that the Marianas is in a stronger position to withstand the coming climate change.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.